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Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

Please make the following amendments:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 19 and 56 to read as follows:

19. (Twice amended) A method of producing a virus comprising:

introducing into a host cell a recombinant GBV-B viral expression construct comprising a

polynucleotide encoding a 3' terminal sequence of GBV-B, wherein the

polynucleotide comprises 50 contiguous nucleotides from SEQ ID NO:1; and

culturing said host cell under conditions permitting production of a virus from said

construct.
56. (Amended) A method of producing a GBV-B or chimeric GBV-B virus comprising:

obtaining a virus produced by the method of claim 19;

introducing the virus into a second host cell; and

culturing said host cell under conditions permitting production of virus.